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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed September 1, 2004, applicants elect Species A (Fig. 4), with traverse. Claims 1-3, 8-12 and 20 read on the elected Species A.

The basis for traversal is that a search of the non-elected species with the search of the elected species would not place an undue burden on the examiner. A search for the non-elected species would likely overlap with the search for the elected species, and all of the species likely share many features in common. Accordingly, withdrawal of the election/restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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